

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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This application is a § 371 application of PCT/EP2004/002759, which claims priority from DE 10314063.8, filed March 28, 2003.

Insert the following on a new line before the first full paragraph on page 1:

BACKGROUND

Insert the following on a new line before the third full paragraph on page 1:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Second full paragraph of page 2:

~~It is claimed for~~ In the invention ~~[[that]]~~ a provision is made for solution of this problem in the case of an attachable rod ignition coil of the kind indicated in the foregoing in that a shock-absorbing element is mounted in the area of the spark plug receptacle of the ignition coil component.

Second full paragraph of page 3:

In an alternative embodiment of the rod ignition coil ~~claimed for~~ of the invention provision may be made such that the shock-absorbing element or optionally a second shock-absorbing element is mounted in the area of the spark plug receptacle. The shock-absorbing element may be mounted either between the ignition coil component and the adapter or in the area of the spark plug receptacle of the adapter. It is also possible to combine the two alternatives so that the adapter has a total of two shock-absorbing elements. If the shock-absorbing element is mounted in the area of the spark plug receptacle, it may be comparatively simple to insert it or press it into the bottom area of the spark plug receptacle. A circumferential groove in which the shock-absorbing element may be retained may also be provided at this point.

Paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5:

In an alternative embodiment of the attachable rod ignition coil ~~claimed for~~ of the invention the shock-absorbing element may be configured as a pressure spring. The pressure spring may be moved along the damping path which is determined by the relative mobility between the adapter and the ignition coil component. When the rod ignition coil is attached to the spark plug, the shock-absorbing pressure spring is compressed as soon as the final assembly position is exceeded, so that a steadily growing opposing force is generated which prevents a mechanic from inadvertently applying excessive force when mounting the rod ignition coil. Transmission of force between the rod ignition coil or the ignition coil component and the adapter is effected mostly by way of the pressure spring, something which results in more uniform increase in force. In this way power peaks are absorbed and eliminated by the pressure spring so that damage to the structural components is excluded.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Insert the following on a new line before the first full paragraph on page 6:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION